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SERUM FOR PNEUMONIA

One of the deadliest enemies with which the human race has to contend in the greater number of the States forming the American Republic is pneumonia. It strikes at both sexes indiscriminately, and its approach is unheralded, as a rule, by any warning symptoms. For this reason the claim put forth by a distinguished European physician, Doctor Bertrand, of Antwerp, will prove of peculiar interest to American readers.

In a recent lecture delivered before the Medical Society of Antwerp, the physician in question described his discovery of a serum which will cure pneumonia. Doctor Bertrand had first satisfied himself of the efficacy of his serum by experimenting upon animals. Trials were then made in the Saint Elizabeth and Stuyvenburg Hospitals in the same city.

Several of the patients treated with the new serum were suffering from pneumonia in an advanced stage, and were also habitual drunkards, which always greatly increases the gravity of the danger. In every case the serious symptoms were completely arrested within 36 hours, while at the same time the temperature and pulse became normal. These results were obtained with a total dose of the serum not exceeding eight cubic centimeters, injected in doses of one or two centimetres at a time. There is no other known serum which takes effect when injected in such small quantities, nor which gives such immediate and satisfactory results. Doctor Bertrand's discovery has, therefore, been accepted as an important contribution to modern medical science.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Natural finished willow furniture may be cleaned with soap suds in which borax has been dissolved. It should be applied with a scrubbing brush. The pieces should be dried very speedily in the sun. Before the cleaning with water begins, the piece should be thoroughly dusted. This rule holds good with any article at all that is being washed. All loose dust should be shaken or brushed off or out before water is applied.

Natural wood should be freed from all loose dust before cleaning and then may be wiped off with a woolen cloth moistened with oil and turpentine or with wood alcohol. This treatment should be followed by a rubbing with a dry woolen cloth to bring out the polish. A woman who found several dents in the hard wood of her dining-room wainscoting restored it by laying over each dent a thick pad of wet brown paper, a wet cloth folded several times over that and then applying a hot iron over all. When the pan was dry the dent was removed and if the place still showed a mark the treatment was repeated.

Here is something to do away with that dangerous paraffin can. Save all the orange peel you may have. Dry it in a cool oven, and store away in paper bags. Then some morning when you are woken by the smell of paraffin, throw a bit of peel on and watch the effect.

By mixing two teaspoonfuls of glycerine with one tablespoonful of lime water and one teaspoonful of paraffin you have an excellent gargle for a sore throat.

A half cup of milk added to a dishpan half full of hot water will be found very beneficial in washing dishes. It gives the dishes a clean, polished look, softens the hardest water, preserves the hands from chapping and also prevents a greasy scum from appearing on the top of the water.

The theory now is that blankets must be washed instead of dry cleaned to be healthy. To have them soft as new, make a soap suds in a half tub of warm water by using one-half cup of washing powder and work a blanket in it for half an hour, then simply move it around and rub soiled spots; rinse in warm water of the same temperature and hang up in a warm place or sunbathing outdoor air.

Use soft water for washing.

Grass stains will yield to alcohol.

Turpentine will remove paint stains.

Rinse clothes thoroughly before bleaching.

Run the iron with the goods in ironing and iron dry.

Shake the clothes well before hanging upon the line.

Do not use real hot water for either washing or rinsing.

If you must do your own housework, see that your shoes are lower and absolutely comfortable. Change them, moreover, in the afternoon, as nothing rests the feet more. If your feet get so tired that you feel you cannot stand up another moment and your feet are swollen, take time to dip them in cold water and give them a vigorous rub.

Spots of cream always spoil the appearance of an afternoon tea cloth without actually warranting its dispatch to the laundry. If the spots are lightly touched with household ammonia and the stained portion of the cloth ironed over a piece of clean white blotting paper, all traces of the grease should vanish.

Women with sensitive feet who must be on them much frequently suffer greatly from callous spots on the soles. These can often be relieved by wrapping the feet in adhesive plaster, taking care that it is put on smoothly and without a wrinkle. This plaster will cause moisture and perspiration, which will finally soften the callous places so that they will disappear.

Up to date housewives are going in for ovens with glass doors. In the big cities no woman of moderate means dreams of keeping house without a glass door to her oven. Plate glass of a good thickness is used and is of course a rather expensive item. But those who use it maintain that its convenience repays them fully for its cost.

Pumice soap and ammonia will cure the worst case of tarnished brass. Just moisten a cloth with ammonia, rub it briskly over the pumice soap and then apply to the article to be cleaned. The operation is a simple and easy one, and the results are immediate and most satisfactory.

Newspapers may be used to pad the ironing board just as an old blanket or muslin.

Cover the floor of the kitchen with good linoleum. It is much easier to stand and walk on, does not tire the feet as harder floor, and when properly laid, is more easily cleaned and kept clean, therefore more sanitary and labor saving than a wood floor.

Every coffee pot should occasionally be washed out with a solution of soda and boiling water.

Do not wash oilcloth or linoleum in hot suds. Use tepid water and wipe with a cloth dampened in equal parts of cold milk and water.

To clean piano keys rub over with alcohol.

To clean white felt hats put some borax in a piece of cheese cloth and clean the hat with it, rubbing quite hard, then brush off with a clean brush. If it is not yet clean repeat the process. The hat should be placed on a clean cloth while being cleaned.

Everyone knows that all kinds of yellow pine lumber are sold everywhere very much lower this year than for many years past. This is not a local condition. No one will supply as good lumber for less cash than G. E. HURKILL.

Dr. J. C. Stiles has removed his dental office to the building recently vacated by the Western Union Telegraph Co., next door to J. L. Shepherd's office.

HOUSEHOLD LETTER

Simply made, easily digested sweets form the ideal desserts in warm weather and particular attention should be paid to the serving of French dainties. Appearance counts much at any time but becomes especially important when the mercury climbs high. With the luscious fruits of the season, and rennet and jelly powders delicately flavored to aid her, the least experienced cook should find the question of summer desserts easy.

Sauces
Whipped cream is the first choice for a sauce with fruit desserts, and fruit sauces are especially nice with delicate creams, jellies and dishes of a farinaceous sort. These fruit syrups are made from the least perfect specimens not attractive for serving at table. They are easily made and a supply of them, sweetened and put up in small jars, gives the housekeeper a most delicious store of flavorings for sherbets, sauces and iced beverages.

Frozen Dainties
Now that freezers have been so perfected that iced creams fairly make themselves, and fireless cooking cabinets will keep frozen desserts cold for hours in the next compartment to a pot roast that is being kept hot, everyone can get all the preparations for the family cuisine out of the way early in the day and employ the warmer hours in less exacting and strenuous pursuits. Very delicious desserts of this kind are made with Jelly. This form of gelatine is particularly easy to use and deliciously flavored in a variety of ways that make it combine attractively with fresh fruits, prunes and cordial flavorings where those are liked. One gets a lot of such delicious concoctions in the package, and can obtain a whole set of real aluminum molds, individual size, by saving the trade marks and forwarding a few of them to the manufacturer.

Easy Short Cakes
Lady fingers, crisp-crossed, log cabin fashion with fruit in the centre and whipped cream or delicately flavored French sponge jelly heaped on as a sauce makes a quick, easy, and exceptionally delicious variety of this favorite dessert. Rennet puddings with whipped cream, shaped individual moulds and surrounded by pineapple cut in dice or by any preferred fruit, is another attractive summer dainty.

The Wise Housekeeper
The wise housekeeper takes advantage of every good form of prepared food that will lighten her labor, without sacrificing the nutritious and wholesome qualities of her menus, and of every device that reduces the drudgery of the household. It is wonderful what an amount of leisure a clever woman can contrive for reading, dainty needlework, or any other pursuit that appeals to her, if only she will systematize the housekeeping and give even the youngest members of the household a regular share in its labors.

Character Building
There are no gymnastics that afford better opportunities for physical development than are found in the ordinary tasks of the home; no discipline that instills better habits of more lasting benefit for the future welfare of the child than a regular, orderly, intelligent and cheerful performance of tasks that contribute to the comfort of the whole family circle. Character is built in the home that stands all the tests and sets a mark in more widely extended fields, which is wandering a long way from the subject of easy summer catering, yet not altogether unrelated thereto nevertheless, since bodily nourishment, character formation and soul expansion are all closely allied in this world of ours.

Summer Camps
The return to Nature as one gets in camp life is the ideal condition to most people though a small minority prefer surroundings where society makes strenuous demands upon them and a ceaseless round of taxing and tiresome festivities is kept up.

Happy the family that can live the simple life in camp or cottage, "Loaf and invite the sun in shady woods, and on lake or sea, but even the stay at home can so simplify the manner of living that camping conditions are approached and relaxation secured. A judicious putting away of all unnecessary furnishings, makes the house cool and easy to care for, and where verandas are available life may be lived for the most part in these outdoor rooms.

Trolley Picnic
Picnicing by trolley is practical and possible to even the dwellers in crowded cities and towns, and if the ordinary day of the only home-keeping is supplemented and systematically arranged long days out of doors under blue sky and in the shadow of green trees are possible to many more people than now often avail themselves of such opportunities.

ELEANOR FRANCES

DOVER WHISKY IS HOT STUFF
The "speak-easy" whiskey that is dispensed in Dover is of the "knock-out" kind, as has been demonstrated recently, especially among the negroes.

James Hudson, a colored laborer, fell into a deep sleep after partaking of some of the adulterated whiskey, in which state he remained for nearly a week.

The latest victim is Beaumont Laws, a negro, who a few days ago took a drink of the whiskey, in consequence of which he fell into a deep sleep. After sleeping for three days and nights, Laws died Sunday, Corner Joseph Calloway of Harrington, held an inquest, after Dr. Harbord had performed an autopsy assisted by consulting physicians.

The State thought this thorough investigation necessary as negroes have been sleeping almost to death in Dover for some time on speak-easy whiskey and a crime more grave than that of violating the prohibition law may be proceeded. The jury requested the coroner and Deputy Attorney General Satterfield to employ detectives and adjournment was made subject to the coroner's call. The liquor was doctored with water, cocaine and laudanum to make three gallons of one, it is said.

DELEGATES BACK FROM CHICAGO

Think the Taft and Sherman Ticket Will Prove a Strong Combination
Most of the members of the Delaware delegation to the Republican National Convention in Chicago have returned to their homes, and all seem to think the ticket named of Taft and Sherman is a strong one that will go ahead to victory in November next. Senator Henry A. duPont, his son, and Governor Lea returned late Saturday afternoon, and Congressman Burton and other members of the delegation arrived Sunday. Senator Harry A. Richardson went to his summer home in the Thousand Islands instead of returning to Delaware. General T. Coleman duPont, who was an alternate, went on a business trip to Kentucky and will not return until the latter part of the week.

William H. Heald was in Chicago with the delegation and returned home Sunday. All the delegates agreed that the ticket named is a good one and should prove strong before the people at the next election. The Delaware delegation voted for the men named and also for the platform adopted. Governor Lea was named on the committee to notify Mr. Taft of his nomination, and Senator Richardson was named on the committee to notify Congressman Sherman of his nomination.

Governor Lea was surprised by his arrival to find that Lea buttons booming him for a second time had been distributed. The Governor had no knowledge of them until Mr. Irving Handy stepped up to him at French street station and informed him of the buttons being handed out about the city. The Governor when asked about the buttons Monday said he knew nothing of them until some of his friends told him, and he declined to discuss the second time boom as started with the buttons.

THIS IS THE SEASON FOR PRESERVING

This is the time for excellence for preserving fruit, and the housekeeper whose brood is fond of homemade sweets can at this season make preparations for the winter which will greatly reduce the bill for butter and will add to the deliciousness of cold weather meals. In these days of gas stoves the work of making such sweets is greatly reduced, and so the housewife no longer dreads it.

There are plenty of cherries in the market now, and one of the best and easiest ways of preserving them is as follows: Stone and stem tart cherries, saving all the juice. To every pound of the fruit allow a pound of sugar. Put the sugar and juice in the preserving kettle over the fire and when the sugar is entirely dissolved add the cherries. Cook until the syrup is very thick; put into glass jars and seal.

Red raspberries are also plentiful, and nothing could be more delicious than jam made from them, as follows: Allow three-quarters of a pound of sugar to a pound of fruit. Put the berries on alone and boil for half an hour, stirring hard and often. Dip out the superfluous juice, add the sugar, and cook 20 minutes more. Put up in jars or glasses.

Another recipe for berry jam says: Pick out and wash the berries and allow equal weight of fruit and sugar. Put the berries into a preserving kettle, mash them as they heat, and when considerable juice has been drawn out add the sugar gradually. Let them boil up all over and then either skim the fruit or turn all into a strainer. Set the juice to boil again and cook until it is thick or "jelly"; put the fruit back and let it boil once, and seal up in small jars.

If the fruit is very juicy, drain off half syrup, strain out the seeds and cook until it jellies. Then put in glasses. Do this before adding the fruit for the last boil. A still better plan is to dip out the superfluous juice before the sugar goes in. Add pound for pint and make jelly of it.

How to Preserve Peaches
Peaches have not yet become plentiful enough to preserve, but if the prophets know their business there will be such a crop of this juicy and delightful fruit this year that every housekeeper will feel it her duty to keep some of them for winter.

To preserve, peel, stone and weigh firm white peaches, allowing to each pound of fruit a pound of white sugar in alternate layers in a broad preserving kettle and set the kettle at the side of the stove where the contents will heat slowly. Stew for about half an hour after the preserves come to a boil or until the peaches are tender when pierced by a fork. With a perforated skimmer take the peaches from the syrup and spread them on a platter while you boil the syrup until clear and thick, skimming often. Pack the fruit in jars, fill these to overflowing with the boiling liquid and seal immediately. Stand the jars in a pan of hot water while filling them.

200,000 ACRES NEED DRAINING

According to a report of the examination for the drainage of lands, as prepared by the Department of the Interior, 200,000 acres or 80 square miles of Delaware's 2370 square miles of land surface need draining. Of this acreage the government has as yet expended \$77,800. Maps which accompany the report show nearly of the acreage to be in Sussex county.

The estimated acreage by State follows: Delaware, 4,290,000; Arkansas, 5,911,300; California, 3,420,000; Connecticut, 30,000; Delaware, 200,000; Florida, 19,800,000; Georgia, 2,700,000; Illinois, 925,000; Indiana, 625,000; Iowa, 930,000; Kansas, 350,380; Kentucky, 444,630; Louisiana, 10,136,000; Maryland, 192,000; Maine, 156,520; Massachusetts, 65,000; Michigan, 2,947,430; Minnesota, 5,832,308; Mississippi, 5,700,200; Missouri, 2,439,600; Nebraska, 512,100; New Hampshire, 12,700; New Jersey, 320,400; New York, 639,100; North Carolina, 3,748,100; North Dakota, 200,000; Ohio, 155,407; Oklahoma, 31,500; Oregon, 254,000; Pennsylvania, 30,000; Rhode Island, 8,064; South Carolina, 3,122,139; South Dakota, 611,450; Tennessee, 639,600; Texas, 2,340,000; Vermont, 23,000; Virginia, 800,000; Washington, 20,500; West Virginia, 28,300; Wisconsin, 2,380,000.

U. S. Glick, of Wilmington, has been appointed fiscal agent of the National Drainage Association, which is striving to have this vast acreage of marsh reclaimed. Mr. Glick is distributing the report of the Department of the Interior in this section.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, D. C., June 26th, 1908.
"I am deeply grateful to my friends of this city and to my really great friend—the man in the White House. I appreciate the loyalty and unwavering support accorded to me, and it shall be my duty to show by my actions and attitude that I am not unmindful of the great honor bestowed upon me." These were the words with which Secretary Taft greeted the Commissioners of the District of Columbia and some five hundred members of the University Club of this city on the night of his nomination for the office of Chief Magistrate of the nation, as he stood on the lawn at his home 1603 K Street, northwest, with Mrs. Taft and his daughter on his right. The entire membership of the club, of which Judge Taft is a member, turned out to do honor to the Secretary, and augmented by an enthusiastic crowd of several thousand men, women and children, rent the air with cheers, while fireworks were exploded on the grounds in front of the club house on the opposite side of the street, and a band played "Hail to the Chief."

Associates of Mr. Taft in President Roosevelt's Cabinet gave out statements for publication, expressing their pleasure at his nomination and their view of its significance. Three sentences in the statement given out by President Roosevelt, however, voice the sentiment to them all: "I do not believe there could be found in all the country a man so well fitted to be President. He is not only absolutely fearless, absolutely disinterested and upright, but he has the widest acquaintance with the nations needs, without and within, and the broadest sympathies with all our citizens. He would be as emphatically a President of the plain people as Lincoln, yet not Lincoln himself would be freer from the least taint of demagoguery, the least tendency to arouse or appeal to class hatred of any kind."

Senator Foraker who has been indisposed and in Washington for sometime, gave out a statement in which he said, among other things: "It is no longer a question of men but a question of parties. In this way Secretary Taft becomes a candidate for the Presidency, and while under all circumstances I can probably do but little yet I shall do all I can to help elect him. Republicans will now quit contending among themselves, and turn all their guns on the common enemy."

An order has been issued by the District Commissioners to the effect that "every dog in the District of Columbia shall, for a period of six months from this date wear a good and substantial muzzle, securely put on, so as to prevent it from biting and snapping, and any dog going at large during said period without such muzzle shall be taken up by the pound master and impounded. Washington has undergone quite a "mad dog" scare and in fact is still in the throes, hence the issuance of the above edict for the safety of the inhabitants of the Capital."

The story sent out from Chicago which stated that President Roosevelt, sitting in the White House, heard in person, with the telephone receiver to his ear, the cheering which greeted the mention of his name by Senator Lodge on Wednesday, has been pronounced "a fake" by Secretary Loeb. According to Secretary Loeb the only news received at the White House from Chicago is by the Postal Telegraph and Western Union bulletins.

Secretary of State will leave Washington on Saturday for his home at Clinton, N. Y., to join the members of his family who left some time ago. It was rumored that the Secretary was going again to Muldoon's place, near White Plains, N. Y., to take a course of physical training, but this has been denied recently at the Secretary's office.

Mrs. Taft was quite the happiest woman in Washington on the day of her husband's nomination though she was composed. She said they had made no plans to get away from Washington any particular day and while they had expected for some time to go to Cincinnati in July she did not know the exact date of their departure.

That a change has taken place in the official status of Secretary Taft is plainly indicated to all in Washington by the appearance of a blue-coated policeman who takes his station at the curb directly in front of the Taft residence early each morning. He or one of his mates will remain constantly on duty, day and night, whenever the candidate is in Washington.

News of the nomination of Representative Sherman for Vice President reached the White House while the Cabinet was in session, its last meeting by the way until this fall. President Roosevelt and his cabinet expressed the greatest satisfaction with the result. Secretary Root said of Mr. Sherman, "He is sound to the core. He is universally respected and beloved by the people of the region in which he lives."

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DR. LIGHTBOURNE OUT OF CONFERENCE

Sent Letter of Withdrawal to District Superintendent Morgan on June 26th
Dover, June 26.—After a conference of an hour and a half at Felton yesterday, in which District Superintendent S. M. Morgan, Rev. Robert Watt, of Felton, Rev. E. C. Sunfield, of Felton, and Prof. James E. Carroll, of Dover, the latter an official of Wesley M. E. Church, took part, positive assurances were given by Mr. Morgan that charges would be preferred against Rev. A. W. Lightbourne, pastor of Wesley M. E. Church, Dover, in the near future. Several propositions were made by Mr. Watt as to the mode of settling the case, all of which, however, were in the form of a trial of Mr. Lightbourne. Mr. Watt, who is chief counsel in the proposed new trial, submitted several propositions to Prof. Carroll, but as the latter went to Felton merely to see Mr. Morgan and not to consider the merits of the case, he could not speak for the membership or officers of Wesley Church, but suggested that Mr. Watt inform the officers of his purposes.

The Methodists of Dover have not relaxed one iota in their determination to stand by Mr. Lightbourne. Yesterday a committee appointed at a men's meeting of the church on Friday evening last, made public a series of resolutions which declares that the membership and friends of the church will insist on the retention of Mr. Lightbourne and stand by him to the last.

Following is a copy of the letter of withdrawal of Mr. Lightbourne from Wilmington M. E. Conference, which was presented to District Superintendent S. M. Morgan, on Saturday afternoon last and which he refused to accept until he had conferred with certain ministers of the church:
Dover, Del., June 19th, 1908.—Rev. S. M. Morgan, D. D.—Dear Doctor: As I am informed that another attack upon me is being planned by means of what is known as a preliminary church trial, and believing it to be impossible for me to obtain justice under the conditions of such a church hearing, I hereby withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This to take immediate effect.

A. W. Lightbourne.
As to the withdrawal of Mr. Lightbourne, his contention is that it is still effective and has been since June 20th, when it was delivered into the hands of District Superintendent S. M. Morgan, and will continue to be effective until disposed of by the Annual Conference. It is wholly with the Annual Conference as to whether the withdrawal shall be finally accepted and the record in the matter be that of a simple withdrawal or a withdrawal under compulsion.

NEW FREIGHT RULES

On behalf of the transportation companies operating in official classification territory, C. E. Gill, chairman Official Classification Committee, has issued the following rule, which will be strictly enforced on and after July 1st, 1908:

Rule 3.—Each package, bundle or piece of less than carload freight must be plainly marked by brush, stencil, pasted label or securely fastened tag, showing the name of consignee, and the name of the station, town or city, and the State to which destined. (See Note.)

The marks on packages, bundles or pieces must be compared with the shipping order and bill of lading, and corrections, if necessary, made by the consignor or his representative before receipt is signed; old marks must be removed or effaced before packages, bundles or pieces will be accepted for transportation.

Freight consigned to a place of which there are two or more of the same name in the same State, must have the name of the county marked on each package, bundle or piece, and also shown on the shipping receipt.

When freight is consigned to a place not located on the line of a railroad, each package, bundle or piece must be marked with the name of the station at which the consignee will accept delivery or if routed in connection with a water line with which there are no joint rates in effect, the name of the place at which delivery is to be made to such water line must be marked on each package, bundle or piece.

Freight not marked in accordance with the foregoing rules will not be accepted for transportation.

MAKING A WILL

"If the people" said a lawyer, "who for whatever reason prefer to draw wills without resorting to legal advice would keep just one thing in mind a lot of trouble would be saved. It is nothing save a sense of simplicity. Simplicity is the main thing to make a will effective, and apparently it is the one thing that the will makers forget about. High sounding words and half remembered law phrases come to their minds, and into the documents these verbal extravaganzas go. There appears to be a popular impression that, for example to say 'I give and bequeath' is a stronger way of saying 'I give.' Again, take the matter of directions. Here a desire to be explicit frequently results in contradictions and the longer a sentence is in a will is the more likelihood there is of its being open to misinterpretation.

"No will should be drawn without at least a couple of drafts having been made of it, each one being gone over carefully with the idea of simplifying and clarifying it. Give the time to it that the importance of the action demands. Know what you want to do and study out the best way of expressing yourself. Don't put off making a will. I'm superstitious enough to consider that tempting fate. And when a will is drawn remember that it has no legal binding unless the signature is witnessed by two persons, who must themselves witness the document in the presence of the testator and each other."
—New York Press.

BILLY'S MATRIMONIAL AGENCY

BY MARY F. NIXON-ROULET

There were few even of the girls of her set that did not consider Ethel Merwin a beauty. To deny her preeminence was to stamp the speaker with jealousy. Not even an unsympathetic observer could fail to see beauty in the well poised head with its crown of Titian hair, the creamy skin, the delicate features, and the deep, unfathomable brown eyes. Her graceful figure was the envy of all the girls of her acquaintance; and indeed had Ethel not been so genuinely sweet she would have had many enemies in her little Eden.

To her the world was a beautiful place. Young, handsome, cultivated enough to enjoy the best in art and literature, with a comfortable income which precluded the least worry, it seemed as if she had been richly endowed by the fairy God Fortune. About the only difficulty Ethel experienced was in keeping the peace between the applicants for her hand, and she tried as much as possible to prevent any active declarations by the satellites that revolved about herself.

Jack Elmsdale she could not resist. He was irresistible ever since he first met her. A tall, broad-shouldered young fellow, he had loved her from the days of her school girlhood, and had proposed to her regularly at short intervals ever since. He was in no way depressed by her refusals. He only bobbed up serenely and did it again when next occasion offered. And occasions offered themselves to Jack with unfailing regularity and in remarkable fashion. The golf field was fatal. She never played golf with him any more. Riding and driving were alike tabooed; indeed, Ethel avoided any chance of being alone with Jack.

Jack, however, had reached a state of desperation where it made little difference to him who was present. The last occasion had been before Michael the coachman, with Ellen the cook pricking up interested ears from the pantry window. Jack was engaged in the romantic pursuit of washing his Ladyship's huge Newfoundland dog, and his impassioned tale of love had reached Ethel's ears, only to meet with the customary refusal, while Brian, indignant at the pause in the insulting performance to which his dignity was being subjected, had shaken himself vigorously, spattering not only the suitor but Ethel's dainty frock as well.

Really that was the limit! Stern and repellent as she possibly could be, Ethel informed Jack that if he wished to keep her friendship he must stop mentioning the subject of marriage. I don't want to marry anyone at all, she said. I don't believe I shall ever marry. I certainly shall not, unless I can find some one whose coat of arms will quarter properly with mine. I don't believe you even know what your coat is, Jack Elmsdale!

Kohlischer, said Jack succinctly. I am talking of heraldic coats. You have no reverence in your composition. I don't believe you even respect heraldry!

Heraldry be—Jack's tone began to show signs of irritation. I'm afraid I might find one of my festive ancestors hung to the family tree if I went to horticulturing too briskly, he said.

Perhaps one reason why the subject of heraldry was particularly obnoxious to him was because it was apparently of such absorbing interest to Gerald Geoffrey FitzGerald, who was an Anglomaniac of the deepest dye, which was only another name for scamp, to Jack's sturdy Americanism.

Me's the biggest idiot! he fumed to Billy, Ethel's brother and his own college chum. He hasn't an idea in his head. Miserable pup! said Billy. I can't see why it is the less brains a fellow has the more a girl seems to like him. Ethel won't hear a word about FitzGerald. She says he's so sympathetic and interested in her affairs.

Oh, blast him! That means heraldry! Say, Billy, you could not coach me a bit, could you? I don't know a thing about the beastly mess, and she's always talking it over, said Jack. Yesterday she gave me the worst rowing about it. What in thunder are gules, inctures (thought that was medicine, but it seems not), quarterings, pales, saltires, and all that stuff? She reels them all off, and I haven't an idea

what she's talking about. FitzGerald listens as if he understood the whole business; but I don't believe he knows any more about it than I do. He sits and looks wise and lets Ethel talk, and she is perfectly satisfied. It's easy enough to fool a girl, and he's equal to the job. I heard him say, 'Weally, I am not well up on the subject, Miss Ethel, and I must hang upon your words until I learn at your feet! I realize the importance of the subject and consider myself fortunate in my teacher.' Isn't he about the limit?

Ethel doesn't seem to think so. Jack's tone was lugubrious. As for a coat of arms, we have one of the musty, worm eaten, old chromos kicking around the attic at home,—came over with some of Lord Baltimore's gang down South,—but what do I care about it? I'm an American, and I'd rather be junior orator at the university than anybody's heraldic grandfathers.

Well, flash your Maryland coat of many colors on Ethel, and it'll give you no end of counts with her, suggested Billy hopefully.

'Not much!' said Jack in disgust. If I can't make Ethel like me, I won't buy her interest with any old dead and dug up ancestors. That would be too much like FitzGerald. He'd put up a fake escutcheon to make her think he was some punkins.

By Jove! Billy looked at him with a queer expression, and then laughed.

Oh, well, it was a low down thing to say about another fellow, wasn't it? I didn't really mean it; but I always want to ask him if he'd rather be a bigger fool than he looks or look a bigger fool than he is, and then say impossible, no matter which way he answered, said Jack.

Jack was not seen at the Cedars in several days thereafter. Called in to the hot and blistering city on a business trip, he was consoled only by the presence of William Merwin; for Billy also had business in New York.

Now, Billy so seldom had business anywhere except in football season that his absence from the Cedars caused some wonderment among his friends, and when he made his appearance there he was the object of much chaffing. FitzGerald especially remarked upon the inadvisability of anyone's doing business in such warm weather, and looked mildly shocked when Billy slangily replied, 'I've been doing more than business.'

After the women had left the dinner table that night and the men sat over their cigars Billy turned suddenly to FitzGerald and said:

By the way Fitz, I came across a funny thing to-day. I was in the public library looking up the beginnings of football, and got the wrong book by mistake. It was some beastly thing on heraldry, and as I opened it I saw your coat of arms. At least, I suppose it was yours,—FitzGerald family, Norman conquest, Count Geoffrey, and all that rot. I thought it might interest you; so I copied it, though how any man can take an interest in such bogles is beyond me.

Aw, thanks awfully! FitzGerald reached eagerly for the paper and studied it carefully. He didn't know a thing about heraldry, notwithstanding his wise talk with Ethel; but he was much struck with the appearance of the escutcheon. Billy had even written down the colors. A brilliant thought struck him. Say, Billy, don't say a word about this, will you? he said. I want to get up a little surprise for your sister.

All right, Fitz, whatever you say, drawled Billy, adding under his breath, 'She'll be surprised all right enough!'

It seemed to Ethel as if all the young men of her acquaintance were suddenly smitten with business; for FitzGerald, her devoted attendant, disappeared also, pleading a business engagement in town. As she was not at all fond of being alone in her glory, she greeted Jack Elmsdale with more than usual cordiality when he appeared on the scene again.

Oh, Jack, she exclaimed. I'm ever so glad to see you! I'm afraid Brian took cold the day you washed him; he's not been well since.

It was a little chilly around here that day, he said as they went toward the stables, where he gave his best attention to Brian, the splendid fellow lea-

ing up and welcoming him with hoarse barks and laying his head against Jack's breast with evidence of devotion.

It's queer how the dog likes you, said Ethel. He can't bear Mr. FitzGerald, and he loves me. Good dog, said Jack enigmatically. Brian and I think alike on lots of subjects.

Why don't you like Mr. FitzGerald? asked Ethel.

I didn't say I didn't like him. It was the last part of your remark I was referring to," said Jack quietly, not even looking at her, though he noted out of the corner of his eye the quick flush that swept across her face.

Now Jack, don't begin! she began reproachfully; but he interrupted her gravely:

I am not going to begin anything, and you needn't worry for fear I shall make love to you any more. A man knows when he's had enough, and you showed me so plainly the other day that I was disagreeable to you, that I will not mention the subject again. I'm not going to bore any woman with my love, and I'm going to try to forget that I was ever anything but your very good friend. He made her a grand bow, and smiled at her with his most winning brightness.

Billy once said that Jack's smile had been known to melt the heart of the sternest college professor into giving 'hundreds' when goose eggs were due. Ethel noticed how handsome he was. Womanlike, she had never thought much about Jack. He had always been her adorer, and he always would be, she supposed; but she suddenly realized what a help if not even a necessity in her daily life this tall, broad shouldered, handsome, manly fellow had become.

Before she could say anything, however, Billy came round the stables whistling gaily. Hello! you two fussing as usual? Well, cut it out! Ethel, your knight of the rueful countenance, Sir Gerald Vere De Vere de Foolish, is on the front porch waiting for you. He's full of business and sighing like a furnace, and you'd better go and entertain him. The matter's most asleep listening to his genealogy. It's surprising what a care your sister's lovers are! and Billy sighed ostentatiously and looked at Jack anxiously as Ethel walked away, indignant red dyeing her cheeks.

Ethel greeted FitzGerald more pleasantly than usual. She felt sore at heart over Jack's defection.

Miss Ethel, said the Anglomaniac, I've something of a surprise for you. I wrote home for a copy of the family coat of arms, thinking you might be interested in it somewhat, and then had a little facsimile of it made. I hope you'll be so kind as to accept it from me; for it is nothing but the merest trifle.

You're very kind, she said, and he drew a box from his pocket and placed it in her hand. Within was a large gold locket, which was handsomely enameled in color, and Ethel's face flushed as she exclaimed:

Oh, Mr. FitzGerald, I cannot accept anything so handsome as this! You must give it to your sister, who would prize it especially. I thank you for the thought, and am glad to see it. Let me see what are the bearings. She studied it thoughtfully. A puzzled look came into her eyes, and she glanced from it to his face and then back to it again.

Where did you say you got this? she asked suddenly.

At Tiffany's, he answered. No, the escutcheon, I mean. Her voice was sharp.

Oh, that's been in the family ever since the first Fitz came over to England with William the Conqueror in 1066, he said glibly.

Dear me! how remarkable! drawled Billy's voice as he and Jack came up the steps. Let me see, as he glanced over his sister's shoulder. Then he went into fits of laughter.

What's the matter? demanded FitzGerald in an aggrieved tone, and Ethel turned angrily upon him.

Do you mean to say that that thing has been in your family for years; that it's the family coat of arms?

That's what I said. Is there anything wrong with it?

Anything wrong! There's nothing right! It's wrong by every law of heraldry. Can't you see for yourself? You have a blue cross on a red field, and color never goes on color. You have a silver rabbit on a gold field, and metal never goes on metal. You have the Prince of Wales' crest on a cardinal's hat for a Norman knight's escutcheon, and over all you have the bar sinister. Somebody has

hoaxed you; but if you knew anything at all about heraldry, as you've pretended to, you might have known enough to see that that thing was a hoax from beginning to end. You needn't have been so low as to have lied about it to me! Oh! all men are alike! and with flashing eyes Ethel swept to the door.

Jack was on hand to open it for her, and he said gently, 'Don't be so hard on him; he did it to please you; but she only flashed him an indignant glance as she passed haughtily into the house.

Billy was still shaking with convulsive laughter, and as FitzGerald turned on him angrily he said:

Oh, Fitz, to think you'd be such a fool as to believe a single word I said!

FitzGerald made no reply, but strode angrily away.

Exit the Norman Baron of the Bar Sinister, said Billy. Oh, Jack, what a lark it is! I don't think you will be bothered by him any more.

You young scoundrel, this is all your doings! Own up! I won't stand any more of your nonsense! Jack was stern.

You bet it is! said Billy. I'm proud of it! I made up the fool thing out of whole cloth. Took me an hour at the public library. Wasn't it a gem? Ye gods, bar sinister, blue on red, ostrich feathers like an Easter bonnet, and the whole business! I have not had so much fun for a con's age!

You're a miserable skate! exclaimed Jack fiercely. He was not at all pleased that Ethel should be made ridiculous.

Well, it's time Ethel made up her mind to take a decent chap like you, said Billy.

Is it? Ethel's voice came cool from the doorway. I'm ever so much obliged to you for arranging my affairs, Billy. There was a strange expression in her eyes as they met Jack's. Contrasted with FitzGerald, this honest man seemed dearer to her than she had known. But Mr. Elmsdale is so disgusted with the way I have treated him that he isn't going to ask me any more.

Isn't he? said Billy; but Jack said only:

Will you take a walk in the garden, Ethel?

And as the two figures passed slowly out of sight down the rose bordered walks of the fragrant garden, Billy smiled joyfully and murmured softly to himself: 'Hurrah for Billy's Matrimonial Agency! It's going to make good! It's going to make good! It's all off with Fitzy!'

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